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OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1957

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OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Office,
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Shropshire.

To the Chairman and Councillors,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your perusal my Annual Report for 1957.

The contents include the information required by the Minister of Health.

During this year water schemes have been to the fore. For very many years the inhabitants of Pentre, Edgerley and Molverley have joined with Ruyton-Xl-Towns in hoping that some day a piped water supply would be available to them. Consent has now been obtained from the Ministry to advertise for tenders for this scheme. Another scheme authorised has been that for the supply of water to Crickheath Hill and Blodwel Bank. Not only will the water bring benefit to the inhabitants of these districts but it will also be of the greatest benefit to the dairy farmers who carry on the main industry of the area.

Weston Rhyn has for many years had a sewerage scheme rendered inadequate by the growth of the village. Authority has now been received to start on the proposed joint sewerage scheme with Ceiriog.

New houses are being erected at Gobowen which will rehouse families from unfit houses.

Unfortunately it has not been possible during this year to close all the hutments at Rednal and Kinnerley, though it is hoped to find accommodation for them as houses in those neighbourhoods become available.

At Weston Rhyn the Ellen Barns Trust are erecting six bungalows for old people, and I feel sure that those selected will enjoy living there. Unfortunately our district has many substandard cottages which are still inhabited. As these become vacant, they are represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation and dealt with accordingly.

During the year there were three outbreaks of infectious disease. A considerable number of cases of measles occurred during the first eight months of the year. There were no deaths, and most of the cases were mild.

Sonne Dysentery cases were an extension of the outbreak in Oswestry during the spring and early summer. They were chiefly in Park Hall, Gobowen and St. Martins.

Asian influenza caused many cases of illness during September and October, affecting first the children of school age, few of whom escaped. Later adults became infected, and a number of cases of influenza pneumonia were notified.

Cancer research has been pursued for many years, but recent discoveries have given rise to much controversy where they may affect us personally.

The Ministry of Health has asked Local Authorities to bring to the notice of the public the proved connection between cancer of the lung and cigarette smoking - that the more cigarettes smoked the greater is the risk of contracting lung cancer, and that reduction of smoking or changing to pipe smoking reduces this risk.

Your Medical Officer of Health will continue to advise teenagers in school that it is inadvisable to start smoking.

I would like to express my appreciation of the readiness of the Editor of the Border Counties Advertiser to insert paragraphs dealing with Health Education whenever I have requested it.

In conclusion I would like to thank my Colleagues in other Departments of the Council for help given throughout the year and for statistics contributed for the report. I greatly appreciate the willing and capable assistance of all members of the staff of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. MCARTHUR

Medical Officer of Health

September, 1958.

GENERAL STATISTICS

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The following are the General Statistics for the Oswestry Rural Health District:-

Area in acres.....	61,527
Population figure given by the Registrar General.....	20,360
No. of inhabited houses on Rate Book at end of 1957....	5,020
Rateable value.....	£149,881
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£585 12s. 10d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1957.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	143	104	247
Illegitimate.. ...	1	6	7
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	12.46
Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor ...	...	...	14.58

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	154	123	277
Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	13.6
Death Rate after correction by comparability factor ...	...	...	9.6

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate.. ...	-	1	1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	0.14

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1957 -	9
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births -	35.4

NUMBER OF WOMEN DYING IN CONSEQUENCE OF CHILD BIRTH

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births ...	...	3.9	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	-	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years)	-	-	-

BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Still Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality	Maternal Deaths	Maternal Mortality per 1,000 Live Births
OSWESTRY RD.	254	12.46	277	13.6	3	0.14	9	35.4	1	3.9
COUNTY OF SALOP	4,424	14.85	3,279	11.0	114	0.38	120	27.12	3	0.66
ENGLAND & WALES	722,952	16.1	514,946	11.5	16,554	0.36	16,641	23.0	349	0.47

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	1957	1956
Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	-	-
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	-	-
Syphilitic disease.....	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-
Meningococcal infections.....	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-
Measles.....	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases.....	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	7	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	8	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	5	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	2	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms....	23	29
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-
Diabetes.....	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	41	34
Coronary disease, angina.....	28	27
Hypertension with heart disease.....	-	3
Other heart disease.....	68	82
Other circulatory disease.....	18	14
Influenza.....	2	2
Pneumonia.....	10	9
Bronchitis.....	19	13
Other diseases of the Respiratory system...	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	1	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea.....	3	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	2	5
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	-	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	1	-
Congenital malformations.....	4	1

CAUSES OF DEATH (Cont).

CAUSE	1957	1956
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	22	29
Motor vehicle accidents	2	4
All other accidents.....	5	6
Suicide.....	3	1
Homicide and operations of war.....	1	-
All causes.....	277	283

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day M. F.	1 - 7 days M. F.	7 days - 1 month M. F.	1 - 3 months M. F.	3 - 6 months M. F.	6 - 12 months M. F.	Total M. F.	Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births
OSWESTRY R.D.	3 -	2 -	- -	1 1	1 1	- -	7 2	9	35.4
ENGLAND & WALES	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	23.0

NEO-MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 month	Percentage of total infant deaths	Rate per 1,000 live births
5	55.5	19.68

CANCER

	Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
	M.	F.		
Oswestry R.D.	23	22	45	2.21
County of Salop (1956).			526	1.765
England and Wales			94,007	2.08

INFECTIOUS DISEASE TABLE

Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Typhoid Fever	Whooping Cough
76	1	444	14	30	-	25

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dysentery	-	-	28	8	29	10	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	1	51	25	74	148	88	22	1	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	3	2	3	1	-	1	3	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	5	15	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	7	9	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1958.

Ages.	Food Poisoning	Measles	Pneumonia	Polio- myelitis	Puer- peral Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Dysentery
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
0-	- -	1 1	- 1	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -
1-	- -	32 32	1 -	- -	- -	- -	3 2	1 4
3-	- -	36 51	- -	- -	- -	1 3	3 1	4 2
5-	- -	145 85	- -	- -	- -	11 13	5 7	18 25
10-	- -	14 10	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- 1	2 3
15-	1 -	- 2	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 2
25-	- -	1 -	3 4	- -	- -	- -	- 1	5 1
45-	- -	- -	1 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Not known	- -	1 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 6
TOTAL:	1 -	230 164	6 8	- -	- -	13 17	13 12	33 43

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS, 1957.

Percentage of children under the age of 1 year vaccinated	Under 1	1 yr.	2-4	5-14	Over 14	Total	re-Vaccinations
47.3	120	11	11	13	7	162	123

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS, 1957.

District	Under 5	5-14	Total	Re-inforcing Injections
Oswestry R. D.	187	47	234	321

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATIONS, 1957.

Total numbers immunised in the Rural District:- 192

TETANUS IMMUNISATIONS, 1957.

Total numbers immunised in the Rural District:- 104

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS, 1957.

Total numbers vaccinated of children born in years 1947-1956 (inclusive). 74

B.C.G. VACCINATIONS, 1957.

School	Consent Forms Given out	Refusals	No. of Consents Presented	No. of children skin tested	Skin Test Readings Pos. Neg.	No. Vaccinated	Re-Mantoux Pos. Neg.
QUINTA	12	-	12	12	3 9	9	9 -
ST. MARTINS & WESTON RHIN	35	2	33	24	3 19	18	17 -
	47	2	45	36	6 28	27	26 -

In addition pupils from the Rural District who attend schools in Oswestry were tested and vaccinated but it has not been possible to obtain the figures.

TUBERCULOSIS

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1957

	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	4	1	2	-	6	1
Service Cases	1	-	-	-	1	-
Transfers	1	4	2	-	3	4
	6	5	4	-	10	5
Cured	-	-	-	-	-	-
Left District	-	5	1	-	1	5
Deaths	-	-	1	-	1	-

Number of Cases on Register at end of 1957.

<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory.</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
42	27	10	8	52	35

Number of Primary Notifications in 1957	8
Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.0
England and Wales .....	.107

Good housing, adequate diet and ample rest are important factors in the prevention of tuberculosis, but early diagnosis is essential to prevent new cases occurring should one of the household have tuberculosis.

MASS X-RAY

The mobile Mass X-Ray Unit based on Stoke-on-Trent visited Oswestry during May 1957.

The Director, Dr. E. Posner, reported that 3,774 persons attended for X-Ray, which was a larger number of adults than in 1954.

It is gratifying to note from the results obtained that very few cases of active pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered among these who attended for screening.

Education is given at the Chest Clinic and Sanatoria by doctors and nurses in the hope of preventing further cases arising in the patient's family or visiting friends. Unfortunately where the patient cannot have a bedroom to himself, passage of infection becomes more probable.

B. C. G. VACCINATION.

Parents of all pupils of 13 years of age are invited to request that their children should be tested to discover whether they have already had a tuberculous infection. For those who are in need of protection the B.C.G vaccination is given. In other cases every effort is made to discover the source of the primary infection. This vaccination is also given to infants and young children where there is a case of tuberculosis in the household.

I have been impressed by the rare occurrence of tuberculosis in the glands of the neck. Twelve years ago this was common, but since most of the milk has been pasteurised, and so many cattle tuberculin tested, it is hardly ever seen.

Now that Shropshire is a Specially Designated Area we hope that it will not be long before it can be classed as an Attested Area.

TUBERCULOSIS

The Physician attends at:-

OSWESTRY: The Clinic, Upper Brook Street,
Every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SHREWSBURY: The Chest Clinic, Copthorne Hospital,
Every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for treatment:- Clinics.

Clinics are administered by the Regional Hospital Board and the one available for this area is given below, the Medical Officer attending on the days and at the hours given.

SHREWSBURY: 1, Belmont.

Tuesdays and Fridays: Men - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursdays: Women - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mondays: Women - 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

HOSPITALS

Oswestry and District Hospital.

Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, treats cases of Enteric Fever, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis or Acute Encephalitis.

Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the district are:

The County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury.

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act it became the duty of the County Council, the Local Health Authority under the Act, to make provisions for securing that ambulance and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. Telephone: Shrewsbury 4684.

The Bacteriologist is Dr. A. C. Jones, and the Pathologist Dr. G. Grant.

This service is based on the Royal Salop Infirmary and undertakes the work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is invaluable particularly in the expeditious dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The Blood Transfusion Service Unit based on Birmingham visits Oswestry twice each year when a large number of public spirited citizens attend.

New volunteers are constantly required to take the place of those leaving the district or reaching 'retiring age', and to keep pace with the increasing demand for blood transfusion as a part of Hospital treatment.

OSWESTRY.....1957	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Bled</u>
	207	194

A proportion of the donors come from the Rural District.

The Rural District Council of Oswestry.

*With the Compliments
of the
Chief Public Health Inspector.*

Castle View,
Oswestry.

Oswestry 1075 / 6.



R E P O R T

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISTRICT

RAINFALL:- The total rainfall for the year was..... 34.20
Average for previous ten years..... 32.09

POPULATION figures given by Registrar General..... 20,360

WATER SUPPLY

The following parishes are provided with a public water supply:-

	No. of houses supplied direct	No. of houses supp- lied by stand-pipe
Selattyn.....	279	-
Weston Rhyn.....	554	-
St. Martins.....	555	-
Whittington.....	878	-
Oswestry Rural...	731	21
Llanynynech.....	210	1
Llanyblodwel.....	110	-
TOTAL:-	3,317	22

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS

UNCHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli.
4.2.57.	Maesbury. (Point 2) Reservoir	0	0
12.6.57.	Maesbury. (Tap).	0	0
1.7.57.	Maesbury. (Reservoir Spring).	0	0
2.9.57.	Maesbury. (Point 2).	0	0
4.11.57.	Maesbury. (Point 2).	0	0
25.11.57.	Maesbury. (Point 2).	0	0

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED
SUPPLIES (Cont).

UNCHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli.
7.1.57.	Sweeney. (Point 6).	0	0
7.1.57.	Sweeney. (Point 9).	0	0
7.1.57.	Sweeney. (Suction Chamber, Point 12).	0	0
4.2.57.	Sweeney. (Point 6, Llanymynech Supply)	0	0
4.2.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12).	3	0
4.3.57.	Sweeney. (Cistern Point 6).	0	0
4.3.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12).	7	0
4.3.57.	Sweeney. (Point 1).	25	0
2.4.57.	Sweeney. (Suction Reservoir Point 12).	1	0
2.4.57.	Sweeney. (Point 2).	5	0
2.4.57.	Sweeney. (Cistern Point 9).	0	0
7.5.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12).	13	0
7.5.57.	Sweeney. (Point 2).	8	0
7.5.57.	Sweeney. (Point 10, including Springs 4,5, 7 and 8).	0	0
4.6.57.	Sweeney. (Spring No. 2).	0	0
4.6.57.	Sweeney. (Spring No. 10).	1	0
1.7.57.	Sweeney. (Chamber Point No. 2).	0	0
1.7.57.	Sweeney. (Chamber Point No. 10).	0	0
1.7.57.	Sweeney. (Suction Chamber No. 12).	0	0
29.7.57.	Sweeney. (Point 2).	17	17
29.7.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12 Mixture).	11	Present
29.7.57.	Sweeney. (Point 10).	0	0
19.8.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12 Mixture).	13	Present
19.8.57.	Sweeney. (Point 2).	35	Present
2.9.57.	Sweeney. (Water from Point 12).	3	0
2.9.57.	Sweeney. (Point 10).	0	0
14.10.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12, Mixture Reservoir	1	Present
14.10.57.	Sweeney. (Inspection Chamber).	13	Present
14.10.57.	Sweeney. (Point 10).	1	0
4.11.57.	Sweeney. (Water from Reservoir). (Point 12).	7	Present
4.11.57.	Sweeney. (Water from Point 10).	5	0
25.11.57.	Sweeney. (Water from Point 6).	1	0
25.11.57.	Sweeney. (Point 12).	0	0

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED
SUPPLIES (Cont).

CHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli.
24.4.57.	Maesbury (Tap)	0	0
1.7.57.	Maesbury (Tap)	0	0
1.7.57.	Maesbury (Tap)	0	0
2.9.57.	Porthywaen (Tap)	0	0
4.11.57.	Porthywaen (Tap)	2	0
25.11.57.	Porthywaen (Tap)	0	0
4.6.57.	Sweeney (Tap in Pump House).	0	0
7.5.57.	Trefonen (Stand-pipe).	6	0
7.5.57.	Trefonen (School Lane, Tap). (Nantmawr)	0	0
22.10.57.	Trefonen (School Lane, Tap). (Nantmawr)	1	0
20.6.57.	Mardy. (Tap, Church Lane, Selattyn).	0	0
22.10.57.	Mardy. (School Tap, Selattyn).	0	0

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

The Council have during the year made progress with a view to implementing the second stage of the comprehensive water scheme. The areas concentrated on have been Kinnerley, Melferley, Ruyton-Xl-Towns and West Felton. These areas are at the present time virtually without satisfactory supplies and some have to depend on water being delivered twice weekly by means of a water carrier. Approval was sought and granted for a supply to Crickheath Hill and the Blodwel Bank area. It is hoped that 1958 will see the commencement of schemes within the District.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

Seventy-one samples of water from private supplies were taken during the year.

38 Satisfactory

43 Unsatisfactory.

Every effort was made to remedy unsatisfactory supplies and advice given in this respect. The majority of the samples were taken from shallow wells.

SEWAGE WORKS

No new work has been carried out during the year in connection with sewage disposal work.

Approval has been given to a new sewage disposal works and extension of the sewer in the Weston Rhyn area. This work will probably be proceeded with during 1958 and will be carried out in conjunction with the Rural District Council of Ceiriog.

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

Number of definite applications received...	48
Number of applications approved.....	48
Number of applications refused.....	-

HOUSING

Number of Council Houses in the process of erection during the year.....	-
Number of Council Houses completed during the year.....	14
Number of Private Houses in the process of erection during the year.....	27
Number of Private Houses completed during the year.....	23
Number of Council Houses planned for 1958..	46

The Council decided to confine the house building programme to slum clearance for the present time and resolved to build 22 houses at Gobowen and 6 at Weston Rhyn. Land for the houses at Gobowen is already owned by the Council, that at Weston Rhyn is to be purchased.

Houses in respect of Closing and Demolition Orders during 1957 were as follows:-

<u>Closing Orders</u>	<u>Demolition Orders</u>
6	4

The absence of a piped water supply in some parishes restricts building of houses at the present time.

FILTHY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES

Filthy premises..... 6

In one case an elderly person incapable of looking after herself was persuaded to enter Part III accommodation at a local Hospital.

REFUSE - SALVAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected and disposed of by direct labour. Nine men are employed in this work. Collection is carried out in 11 of the 13 parishes and has been slightly extended during the year.

The demand for paper salvage has decreased and therefore the need for careful sorting at the tip is not so necessary.

Tins, etc. are sorted at the tip. These are sold to a firm of marine dealers who bale at the tip and haul the bales to their own depot.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

It has not been necessary to institute proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act 1956. Certain provisions of the Act are not yet enforceable, but one can anticipate that they will be implemented during 1958.

Only two industrial premises in the district at the present time are causing trouble. One a colliery chimney, the other a dolomite works where large emissions of fumes and smoke are emitted from the cupolas. Both premises are being dealt with.

The abatement of smoke nuisances from industrial furnaces does not mean clean air, there still remains the domestic chimney which can be a menace, particularly when one considers the large number of domestic compared with industrial chimneys in a district. It is essential that owners of houses should appreciate the need for providing approved appliances when making new installations. The same applies to Local Authorities who today invariably develop large housing estates and therefore may cause a concentration of atmospheric pollution.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Seven licences were applied for and granted.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are no public conveniences in the district, but the Council appreciate that some should be provided and hope to do so when the economic position is more favourable.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

Oswestry Borough Council and the Rural District Council of Oswestry still continue to operate a joint scheme, controlled by a Joint Committee. Free service to private dwellings continues and much good work is being done in this respect.

The number of contracts in respect of business premises has decreased. This would appear to be brought about by the use of 'Warfarin' poison by occupiers of premises.

The reduction in the number of contracts has resulted in more attention being given to the inspection of premises.

NUISANCES

Number dealt with by Informal Notice..	120
Number complied with.....	110
Number of Abatement Notices.....	5
Number complied with.....	4

PUBLIC HOUSES

There are still a small number of Public Houses in the area requiring improved sanitary accommodation especially in relation to location. It has been the policy of the Health Department and Police Authority to achieve as far as is practicable the siting of conveniences under cover and within the main walls of the building. Attention continues to be given to cleanliness of glasses and personal hygiene.

FOOD PREPARING PLACES

Fried Fish Shops

Number of registered premises.....	4
Number of Inspections.....	4
Number of Notices served.....	Nil
Number complied with.....	Nil

Bakehouses

Number of Premises.....	7
Number Inspected.....	7
Number of Inspections.....	7
Number of Written Notices.....	-
Number complied with.....	-

Cafes, Restaurants, and Canteens

Number of Premises (Including School Canteens).....	39
Number Inspected.....	9
Number of Inspections.....	18
Number of Notices served.....	-
Number complied with.....	-

Food Shops

Number of Premises.....	70
Number Inspected.....	16
Number of Inspections.....	29
Number of Notices served.....	Nil
Number complied with.....	Nil

Meat Product Preparing Rooms

Number of Premises.....	3
Number Inspected.....	3
Number of Inspections.....	3
Number of Notices served.....	Nil
Number complied with.....	Nil

Ice-Cream Premises

Number of Registered Premises.....	45
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There are no manufacturing premises in the district.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	4
Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Pasteurised"	5
Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)" ...	6
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	6
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Pasteurised"	6
Number of Registered Distributors	16

MEAT INSPECTION

Number of Licenced Slaughterhouses in District 1

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT KINNERLEY

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	96	-	-	318	5
Number inspected	96	-	-	318	5
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part organ was condemned.	7	-	-	5	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	7.3	-	-	1.5	60.0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

MISCELLANEOUS MEAT AND FOODS CONDEMNED

Meat

2 x 8 ozs. Tins, Stewed Steak.
3 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Tins, Stewed Steak.
12 ozs. Tin, Pork Luncheon Meat.
7 ozs. Tin, Pork Luncheon Meat.
13 lb. 11 ozs. Tin, Cooked Boneless Ham.
2 lb. Cooked Ham.
4 x 6 lbs. Tinned Corned Beef.
12 ozs. Tinned Corned Beef.
4 lbs. Tinned Corned Beef.
12 ozs. Tin Minced Beef.
8 lb. 11 ozs. Pork Shoulder.

Milk

2 x 2 pints tinned, Evaporated Milk.
2 x $\frac{3}{4}$ pints tinned, Evaporated Milk.

Soup

1 x 15 oz. Tin, Kidney Soup.
4 packets Oxtail Soup.
2 x 15 oz. Tins, Meat Soup.

Vegetables

4 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Tinned Peas.
13 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Tinned Peas.
10 oz. Tinned Peas.
13 x 8 ozs. Tinned Tomatoes.
5 x 14 ozs. Tinned Tomatoes.
12 x 14 ozs. Tinned Tomatoes.
2 x 2 lbs. 3 ozs. Tinned Tomatoes.
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Tin, Beans.

Fruit

2 x 16 ozs. Tin, Pineapple Cubes.
5 x 1 lbs. 12 ozs. Tin, Pineapple Slices.
15 oz. Tin, Strawberries.
2 x 1 lb. 4 ozs. Tins, Grapefruit.
2 x 8 ozs. Tins, Fruit Salad.

Fish

8 lbs. Cod.
7 lbs. Haddock.
2 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Tinned Salmon.
4 x 14 ozs. Tinned Herrings.

MEAT INSPECTION

The following carcasses were inspected by the Rural Inspectors at the Meat Company's Slaughterhouse:-

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
628	62	4,333	1,164

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	60	35	1	-
(iii) Other premises	4	7	-	-
TOTAL:-	68	52	1	-

FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL:-	1	1	-	2	-

FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

PART III OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing list to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	1	-	-	-	-	-

